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PERSONAL FOR GEN HUYSER FROM THE AMBASSADOR.

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SUBJECT: APR 10 MEETING OF U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL,

- BRIEFING PAPER ON JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE
- (COMBINED STAFF) (U)

1. (U) MG MCCLELLAN HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING BRIEFING PAPER WITH RESPECT TO THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR THE 10 APRIL MEETING OF THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL, AT THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. IT MEETS WITH MY APPROVAL AND I WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL HERE.

2. (S-NF) I WILL LOOK TO YOU, OF COURSE, TO LEAD THE DISCUSSION ON JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE BUSINESS, WHICH I EXPECT WILL BE HANDLED ENTIRELY ORALLY AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. BEGIN TEXT OF BRIEFING PAPER:

(S) STATUS OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

- 1. A. UPON COMPLETION OF THE 30 SEPTEMBER 1977 MEETING OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE, THE COMBINED MILITARY SECRET

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COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF (CMCPS) WAS DIRECTED TO COMMENCE MUTUAL DEFENSE PLANNING IN THREE AREAS:

- AIR DEFENSE
- DEFENSE AGAINST AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK
- DEFENSE AGAINST UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE

- B. DURING THE 30 SEPTEMBER 1977 MEETING OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE, LG GALARZA RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE MISSION OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF A COMBINED WORK ORGANIZATION SUBORDINATE TO THE COMMITTEE WITH SUFFICIENT CAPABILITY TO ADDRESS THE FULL RANGE OF PROBLEMS INFERRED BY THE COMMITTEE'S MISSION. GEN BROWN RECOMMENDED THAT LG GALARZA IDENTIFY TASKS OR PROBLEMS WHICH NEEDED ADDRESSING, AND FURTHER PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE, WORK GROUP OR STUDY GROUP TO HANDLE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.

- 2. CURRENT STATUS:

- A. COMBINED PLAN, "DEFENSE AGAINST AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE", WAS COMPLETED TO FINAL DRAFT STAGE ON 27 MARCH 1978; COORDINATION IS NOW UNDERWAY WITHIN THE SPANISH- U.S. MILITARY-POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENTS (HQUSEUCOM, AMERICAN EMBASSY, SPANISH HIGH GENERAL STAFF).

- B. COMBINED PLAN, "DEFENSE AGAINST AIR ATTACK", IS NEARING FINAL DRAFT STAGE; COMPLETION IS DEPENDENT UPON ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE INPUT FROM USEUCOM-DIA CONCERNING SOVIET/WARSAW PACT LONG-RANGE AIR THREAT. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE: NLT 30 APRIL 1978.

- C. PLANNING EMPHASIS IS NOW BEING SHIFTED FROM
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DEFENSE AGAINST UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE TO DEFENSE AGAINST MARITIME ATTACK. THIS SHIFT IN EMPHASIS IS BASED ON U.S.-SPANISH INTELLIGENCE NOW AVAILABLE WHICH WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1977. CHANGE IN PLANNING EMPHASIS HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY USCINCEUR OR THE CO-PRESIDENTS, JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, INITIAL COMBINED PLANNING HAS COMMENCED.

- D. THE COMBINED STAFF IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, COORDINATION AND EVALUATION OF COMBINED U.S.-SPANISH EXERCISES CONDUCTED IN SPAIN.

- E. NOTHING FURTHER HAS OCCURRED WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEM OF JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE'S MISSION OR THE RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH GROUPS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS

- F. INITIAL ORIENTATION VISITS OF MG RICARDO AROZARENA GIRON, SPANISH CO-DIRECTOR SINCE 14 MARCH 1978, TO MAJOR U.S. HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY ARE SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF 24 APRIL 1978.

- G. THE STATUS OF ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO THE COMBINED STAFF IS:

- U.S. 26
- SPANISH 31

- FULL STRENGTH (35 ON EACH SIDE) SHOULD BE REACHED IN OCTOBER 1978.

(C) ISSUES THE SPANISH MAY RAISE:

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- THE DESIRE TO HAVE CMCPs WORK SHIFTED TO AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPAIN'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES INsofar AS PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN DEFENSE IS CONCERNED, WITH THE ANALYSIS TO FOCUS ON THE SPECIFICS OF THREAT, FORCE CAPABILITIES, MODERNIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND PRIORITIES OF EFFORT. (THIS DESIRE HAS OFTEN BEEN EXPRESSED TO MG MCCLELLAN BY LG GALARZA, CO-PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE. GE GALARZA SAYS THAT, "BY DOING THIS, THE COMBINED STAFF CAN BE MOST HELPFUL IN INFLUENCING SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT MUTUAL DEFENSE".)

(C-NF) TALKING POINTS:

- A. ANY CHANGE OF EFFORT OF THIS MAGNITUDE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH, PERHAPS FIRST IN THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE.
- B. WORK IS IN PROGRESS ON AN EXPANDED THREAT ASSESSMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE STAFF'S CURRENT TASKING.

- C. COMBINED PLANNING UNDERWAY FOCUSES ON THE PRINCIPAL KNOWN THREATS TO THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF COMMON INTEREST, I.E., AIR AND MARITIME. THESE PLANS TAKE INTO
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CONSIDERATION FORCE/RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS.

(U) ISSUES THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD RAISE:

- A. STATUS OF RENOVATIONS TO THE SITE OF THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL AND THE COMBINED STAFF. (STATUS COVERED IN A SEPARATE PAPER.)

- B. POSITIVE WORK DONE BY THE COMBINED STAFF IN DEVELOPING ITS COMBINED DEFENSE PLANS IN THE AREAS OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE AND AIR DEFENSE, IN PARTICULAR THE FACT THAT THE DRAFT PLAN FOR DEFENSE AGAINST AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND FORWARDED FOR REVIEW. END TEXT.

3. (U) WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS. STABLER

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